GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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NARMADA RIVER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for completion of Narmada river project in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Union Government has allocated any funds for timely completion of the said project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the State Government has requested to provide additional funds for this project; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) As per the latest Memorandum of Understandng executed by the Government of Rajasthan, the project is scheduled for completion by 2009-10. The Narmada Canal Project in Rajasthan was originally approved by Planning Commission in January, 1996 at a cost of Rs.467.53 Crore to provide irrigation in a CCA of 135.00 th ha (annual irrigation 73,157 ha). The scope of the project was subsequently changed by the State Government which was approved by the Planning Commission in August, 2007. This revised project (Rs.1,541.457 Crore at the price level of 2005) envisages an annual irrigation of 151.072 th ha in a CCA of 245.881 th ha. and is scheduled for completion by 2013-14.

(b) & (c) Irrigation is a State subject and the planning, execution, funding, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments based on their priorities. The Union Government is providing Central Assistance (C.A.) under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for approved Major/Medium/Minor Irrigation Projects for their expeditious completion since 1996-97. However, the project is being provided financial assistance by the Union Government since 1998-99 under the AIBP. Till January, 2008, the Union Government has provided a financial assistance of Rs. 625.335 crore.

(d) & (e) The State Government has requested for additional funds under AIBP. Accordingly, the Planning Commission has raised the CA Ceiling under AIBP (for all the projects in the State including Narmada Canal Project) for the current financial year from Rs.125.00 Crore to Rs.250.00 Crore.